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U N I V E R S I T Y

President's New Year's Message

By GEORGE S. BENSON

Business men at the beginning of the New Year take stock. This is for the purpose of checking on the business of the past year and to assist in planning for the future year.

I would like to suggest that each of us also take stock. An honest appraisal of the past year's accomplishments with a search for the blunders made should be very helpful to us in planning for the future year and in avoiding blunders made last year.

Each of us has a life to live. Each has more reason for taking stock and planning carefully for the coming year than has the average business man.

A whole catalog of suggested resolutions would be useless but may I venture just four suggested resolutions for the purpose of helping each one to be fair to himself:

1. Determine to make a scholastic record during the year of 1944 which will be fair to yourself. If you are making grades to go on your transcript which are representative of your intelligence and of your ability, then you are being fair to yourself.

2. Determine to be punctual throughout the year of 1944. This is a most worthwhile characteristic but one which can be developed only through determination.

3. Determine to be reliable in every respect. Do every task so well that all of your friends will learn that you are thoroughly dependable and can be relied upon in any emergency. If you could be punctual and you could be dependable and you are not developing that reputation, then you are unfair to yourself.

4. Determine to grow spiritually. The world is hungering for men and women of genuinely spiritual nature. Regardless of how good grades you make and how punctual you are and how reliable you are, you can still not be at your best unless you are developing the spirit of Christ, for which the world is starving. If you develop the spirit of the Master you will redeem the time, you will be dependable, and will be punctual and you will be the greatest possible asset to the community in which you may live.

Habits can be broken only with determination. No exceptions should be allowed. New habits can likewise be formed only with real determination which will allow no exceptions. Your New Year's resolutions will be worthless unless accompanied by genuine determination. Accordingly, I suggest you make only a few and then determine to keep those resolutions without exceptions.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

At this season of the year our thoughts turn to cold weather and New Year's resolutions. Here are some of these resolutions. Resolved:

La Vern Houtz: Never to answer any reporter's questions.

Dorothy Smith: To write to Ross every day instead of every other day.

Florence Dorney: Since this is leap year, I resolve to resign from the OMC. (Old Maid's Club).

Neal Watson: To do better in everything.

Jesse Van Hooser: Go away, I couldn't tell you.

Ma Chandler: To work less and sleep more.

Burch Barker: To get some Buddy.

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Oratorical Deadline Set

Preliminaries and finals of the annual Bison oratorical have been set by the Press Club for the last ten days in February. The contest will be in connection with the speech festival.

Women and men will compete separately. The rules are as follows:

1. Any regularly enrolled student may enter.

2. Registration of entrants must be made by February 10, 6 p. m. A deposit of twenty-five cents will be required upon the delivery of oration.

3. Speeches must be original, containing not more than 150 words in quotations.

4. Each speaker will be allowed ten minutes to deliver his oration.

5. Speakers will be judged 50 per cent on content and 50 per cent on delivery.

6. Judges' decisions will be final.

There will be no restrictions as to the nature of the subject the orators may choose.

Last year's contest was won by Winston Allen and Mary Bess Love and year before last by Weldon Casey and Charlene Foreman.

Davidson Gives School \$4,400

Mr. Clinton Davidson, who is visiting on the campus at present, donated \$4,400 to the school last week. His business associate has promised another \$3,000 to be given some time this month and the company by which they are employed has pledged to give \$10,000 in 1944. In 1943 Mr. Davidson and his associate gave \$10,750.

Money donated to the college by him and his associate is not given with any definite restrictions on the way in which it is to be used. However, they prefer that a major portion be set aside for the endowment fund.

Speech Festival Registration Will Close Jan. 14

Mrs. J. N. Armstrong, head of the speech department, announced that registration for the speech festival will close on Friday of this week, January 14.

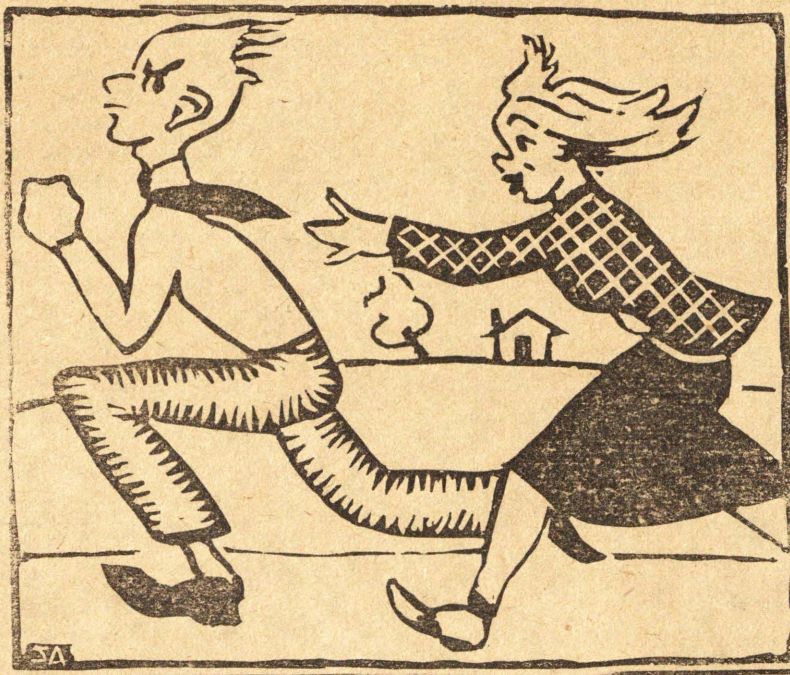
In former years participants were limited to only the speech students, including the debating and dramatic classes. But this year anyone who wishes may see Mrs. Armstrong and get an entry blank. She urges that all entries be turned in as soon as possible so that the festival can get underway.

In the regular Monday night meeting on January 17 the first entries in the sermonette division will be given. The number entering in this will be limited and anyone interested is urged to enroll now. Only a few more entries will be accepted. The best one in the series will receive an award of an Adam-Clark commentary.

The festival really began when a debate was held on the current debate question. Some awards will be given but the nature of the events will not be competitive but more to develop good speech. The students will be working against a standard instead of one another.

Mrs. Armstrong states that she will post from time to time when and where each event is to occur. Everyone is urged to watch the bulletin board and be on time at the appointed place.

Leap Year Chase Starts



Voice of Experience Extends Helpful Leap Year Advice

By A PATTIE COBB RESIDENT

Li'l Abner, and all his cohorts, are in for an extensive workout in track this year.

Youthful 1944 came leaping in and with the plentiful supply of females with energetic ambitions he will, more than likely, go limping out.

But never fear fellows, the best (or worst) is yet to come—for many of the lassies have proven themselves most desirable—remember—they have been anticipating this year since 1940 and, as Brother Armstrong so wisely said, they know how to make plans whether they materialize or not. Eventually those plans will produce some sort of outcome.

First a hint to the men. The best ways to avoid becoming entangled are numerous, but the first and best one is not to fall in love. That seems to be the one thing that can tear down resistance in a person—but quick! If you feel that you are in no danger of that and are still being plagued by those usurping individuals try going around with a long, long, face—or growing a long, white beard—or try proving that you can't grow one at all. "They're either too young or too old!" that always gets 'em.

Sears Goes To Cincinnati

Dean L. C. Sears will go to Cincinnati the twelfth of January as representative of Harding College in the annual meeting of the Association of Church Related Colleges. There are about four hundred colleges in this association and Harding College has been a member several years.

The object of this meeting is to discuss changes to be made in post war education and the education of returning soldiers whose expenses will be paid by the government.

There will be a later meeting in Atlanta, Ga., for the same purpose.

Mrs. S. A. Bell To Make Survey

Mrs. S. A. Bell, head of the home economics department, who has recently completed her residence work on her doctorate at the University of Chicago, will make a survey of White County concerning economic basis for food practices and habits.

The plan is to secure information from a proportionate number of the farm population by the personal interview method, followed by a closely su-

pervised period to cover one week's record keeping by some of the families interviewed. The farm family will be visited and will be asked questions about such things as food production practices for home use, canned and stored foods on hand and food available in their garden at the time of the visit.

This is the first of such surveys to be made west of Mississippi in the South.

Announce School Debate Champions

The first events in the annual speech festival, sponsored by Mrs. J. N. Armstrong, were the junior and senior debates.

Bill Smith and Hershel Dyer, defeated Sidney Roper and Wyatt Sawyer in the senior division while Evert Hufford and Bill Harris, speakers for the negative, were victorious in the junior division over LeRoy Cowan and Joe Cannon.

The question under discussion was "Resolved: United States Should Cooperate in Establishing and Maintaining an International Police Force upon the Defeat of the Axis."

Dr. Frank Rhodes, Jr., is coach and sponsor for the college debate teams.

Motion Pictures To Be Shown Here

Miss Vivian Kellum To Speak Here Jan. 20

Miss Vivian Kellum, owner of the Kellum's Company of Saugatuck, Connecticut, will speak to the combined civic clubs of Searcy at the noon hour on Thursday, January 20. There will be a faculty tea in her honor in the home economics department at the college at 4:15 in the afternoon, and she will speak in the college auditorium at 8:00 o'clock that night.

Miss Kellum is reported to be one of America's foremost business women and a dramatic speaker. She is interested in America's future, the women of America, and the homes of America.

This is a continuation of the lecture program which Harding College has conducted during the past seven years in which outstanding nationally known business executives have been introduced to the campus. Miss Kellum is the first woman to be presented in the series.

Dr. Benson said, "I am expecting this to be one of the outstanding lectures in the series."

'Round Here

By SALLY AMMERMAN

Before Dot Davidson and Eugenia Stover left for prayer meeting Eugenia started to turn out the light.

"Don't do tha," said Dot.

"Why?" asked Eugenia.

"Well I might want to wash my hair before we get back," replied Dot.

(Note, oooooooh.)

Thanks to Duran Hagler and Eddie Shewmaker we ate Friday night. Following a previous announcement from the ration board that supper could not be served if all ration books were not in, late Friday afternoon they made another announcement that if statements from people without books, were turned in to the board, the dining hall doors could be opened.

Duran and Eddie rushed around, hunted up all the people without books, and had the statements in time for us to eat.

We sho do appreciate it, Duran and Eddie.

A white campus . . . bushes bending beneath their burden of snow, feathery trees . . . busy shovels on the walks . . . red ears, red noses, cold feet, snow washed faces, shrieks and laughter . . . snow flakes flying . . . the Canadians and Michiganders got what they've been hollering for.

FERREL MASON COMMISSIONED

Big Springs, Texas.—It's gold bars and silver wings now for newly-commissioned 2nd Lt. Ferrel O. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason of Center Ridge, Ark.

Lt. Mason graduated from Nemo Vista high school in Center Ridge in '40 and attended Harding College in Searcy, Ark., for three years. He is a member of Tagma, National Forensic League. A brother, Orvid L., is an ensign in the U. S. Coast Guard.

First Production Will Be Saturday

Moving pictures will be shown in the auditorium every other Saturday night beginning this week according to Mr. Edwin Hughes, principal of the high school. These films are sixteen millimeter prints of Hollywood productions.

"The purpose of this program is to bring better pictures to the students," stated Mr. Hughes. The plan has received approval of school authorities. Mr. Hughes also conferred with a committee of class leaders and Mrs. Florence Cathcart and Mr. Billy Mattox, heads of the dormitories, as to the advisability of the program.

Most of the pictures that will be shown have won awards of some kind in the past. They will be an hour and fifteen minutes to two hours long. Admission prices have not yet been announced. However, they will be the same each week and only enough to cover the cost of securing the films. The time has been tentatively set at 7:30 p. m.

Student reaction to this program will determine its future. It will have no effect on regular show night.

Films that will be shown will be chosen from the following list: Abraham Lincoln, Breaking the Ice, Captain Fury, Count of Monte Cristo, Flying Deuces, Girl of Limberlost, Hoosier Schoolboy, Hoosier Schoolmaster, Jane Eyre, Keeper of the Bees, Last of the Mohicans, Little Men, Little Red Schoolhouse, Melody Lingers On, Million Dollar Racket, Peck's Bad Boy, Peck's Bad Boy with Circus, Romance of Limberlost, There Goes My Heart, Topper Takes a Trip.

The pictures will be shown only to students and faculty members.

Five New Students Enroll Since Christmas

Five new students have enrolled in school since the Christmas holidays.

Martelle Hulet, cousin to Bonnie and Willene Hulet, comes from Evening Shade as a college freshman. In high school at Ash Flat, Martelle was a member of the glee club, class reporter for two years, and active in sports. She plans to be a teacher.

Before coming to Harding, Rose Marie O'Linger attended Whitehaven school in Memphis, Tennessee. At Whitehaven Rose Marie participated in basketball, volleyball, and was physical education exercise director. She is a high school freshman.

Lee Burford, brother of Annette Burford, comes to Harding as a senior in high school at the beginning of the semester. At his high school in Looxahoma, Mississippi, Lee was a member of the F.F.A., 4-H Club, and winner of a state medal in spelling. Lee is studying to be a mechanical engineer.

Clyde Riddle from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, enrolls as a college freshman. Clyde graduated from high school in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he was very active in sports. He will major in Bible and religion.

Blanche Tranum, younger sister of Delilah and Julia Tranum, will start class the second semester in high school as a freshman. At school in Webb, Mississippi, Blanche was a member of the 4-H Club and Girl Reserve.

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Are You Big?

No, we don't mean famous or of great renown. Nor are we asking if you are of great physical stature. Rather we are inquiring if you have the kind of bigness that enables one to put aside personal prejudices to grasp a true sense of values. It is the kind of bigness that calls upon you to overlook the shortcomings of others to see their virtues; it is the kind that allows one to be willing to sacrifice details that he might gain principles.

Many lives have been ruined and many names besmirched because someone of great ability didn't possess that kind of bigness. Benedict Arnold was great enough to be the hero of Saratoga, but small enough to sell out his country. His name is recorded on on the pages of infamy. Aaron Burr was great enough to become vice president of this nation, but so small that he was willing to plot its overthrow. His story blackens our nation's history. But Abraham Lincoln, who was great enough to be our sixteenth president, was also big enough to overlook the animosities of his political opponents in selecting and welding them into the great wartime cabinet that they were. Had Lincoln yielded to his personal feelings he might with better cause than Arnold or Burr have betrayed the best interests of our land so that this nation might not be one.

What was the bigness that Lincoln had that enabled him to choose so wisely? The man he selected as secretary of war had publicly ridiculed him. Those he picked as secretaries of state and the treasury had been his rivals for the presidency. Lincoln's greatness here lay in his ability to realize that his personal feelings were only details to be sacrificed in order that the principle of preservation of the union might be attained.

To a lesser degree we are all faced with similar problems almost every day of our lives. In our school work we may disagree with our instructors as to the best method of learning, but inasmuch as they have the same end in view that we have, we ought for the sake of cooperation acquiesce in the detail of method that we might attain the principle of learning. In other words, bigness requires that we respect the judgments of others even though we may not entirely agree with them. For unity is more important in this life than all the petty ideas we may have. Most of the personal contentions that we have are caused by our unwillingness to yield in that which is insignificant. Hard feelings are caused and when it is all over we have forgotten what the trouble was in the first place. This of course does not imply that we ought to sacrifice a principle. For we ought to hold to principles with as much tenacity as we have willingness to waive our ideas in the matter of details.

Let us all make a new year's resolution that we shall grow this year—the kind of growth that comes by cultivating the sense of values that is called for in casting aside our trifling, personal prejudices.

With This Editor

Whether or not the plan of showing moving pictures every other Saturday night will be continued will depend upon the reaction of the student body. The project is being tried as an experiment in an endeavor to furnish worthwhile entertainment for the students. If it is found that the pictures are well supported and the reaction as a whole is favorable, the pictures will continue to be shown every other week or possibly every week. If, on the other hand, it is found that they are not well attended or if the opposition to them does not justify their continuance, they will no longer be shown. No attempt is being made to force anything upon the student body that it does not favor. Mr. Hughes therefore, desires that the student body express itself as to whether or not it desires to have the pictures continued. If it gives its consent, the pictures will be ordered in larger quantities, thus securing the films at a cheaper rate.

M. H.

In My Opinion

DEAR EDITOR:

I had only been on the campus a day or two when one night I was surprised to hear music coming from outside on the campus. Beautiful lyrics floated through the still air. Then I heard our country's service songs being sung. I slipped outside in order to hear better. Not far from our door a group of boys had congregated and all were chiming in with perfect harmony. Then they moved on toward Pattie Cobb and stopped just below the balcony. One or two of the girls had joined in. It was lovely. I had never before witnessed anything like this and I went inside utterly amazed.

Of course, it was not long until I was to learn that singing is a featured attraction at Harding, and I was glad. Then I was presented with another surprise. The boys actually took part in the services and led songs. They even seemed eager to. Why, at home we had a song leader who usually did all the leading and the boys took the back seats. Then, one night Mr. Kirk announced a "Hymn Sing." What ever is a "hymn sing," I wondered. So I picked up a hymn book, as the others were doing, and went down to the dining hall to find out. Most everyone was there and sang with seemingly deep sincerity, as if they really enjoyed singing these simple songs of praise.

For a while we would meet for a "hymn sing" two or three nights a week; then, they became further and further apart. Now, it has been some time since we have had one.

In my opinion this is a mistake. Singing, both folksongs and religious, has a tendency to draw us closer together. We always leave this sort of gathering with our spirits a little higher and our heart a little lighter.

So, I say—Let's have more "hymn sings."

Sincerely yours,
Juanita Thompson.

Spirit of Christ

By DALE LARSEN

"PEACE"

Let us look this week to Romans 12:1 for some thoughts on practical Christianity: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

There are, of course, many good lessons to be drawn from this verse, but let us think largely at this time in terms of returning good for evil. We find many passages throughout God's revealed will that teach this lesson, such as the great sermon on the mount.

In this fleshly body it seems to be impossible to go throughout life without having someone hurting our feelings or doing us some sort of an injustice. It may sometimes be that this trouble arises entirely in our own minds, and then again, it is quite probable that we are actually the victims of many unjust deeds and criticisms. Whether the conflict be that of personalities, prejudices, or anything else, we need to control our revengeful nature and actually, in all cases, return good for evil.

Even in our best environments we find individuals who will, perhaps without thinking, do some harm to another person or a group. The human side of us rises immediately and seeks a way in which to get revenge or "even the score." How often, through jealousy and various other means, do divisions and splits come between loved ones and friends? How many families do you know where one or more has been eliminated from the family circle? Could any of these schisms have been caused by too much re-

venge and not enough love? Do you know people in the church who refuse to speak and each tries to outdo the other? Have you ever repeated an evil report about a brother simply because he is always fighting you?

These questions simply suggest a few of the results of an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" attitude. We can not follow these fleshly urges if we are to be really Christian. We must control our temper and bridle our tongue. We must cultivate such intense love for mankind that we can sincerely return good for evil. If we will begin individually, and put this great teaching into our very lives, we will begin to see our enemies become our friends and this change in their attitude will attract others to the way that will bring about more congenial and happy families, a more united and growing church, and a greater prospect for world peace.

Of all people on the earth, Christians must return good for evil. Let us see that it begins with you and me!

Dear Angus

Everyone is back at school now and has wearily settled down to a long unexciting stretch of tedious studying. I'm sure you recall how much fortitude is required to suddenly cast out the blissful memories of pleasant yuletide experiences and to absorb in its place the dull, monotonous facts of European history and child psychology.

I spent my own holidays leisurely reclining in bed with the prevalent illness—flu. As someone teasingly remarked, "I opened the window a little and in-flu-enza." Tch! Tch! It's a peculiar wit that some of us possess, eh Angus? However, the experience of having breakfast served in bed at ten o'clock in the morning comes to one so seldom until I almost deemed it a privilege.

The current fad drifting through the east wing is that of naming rooms. Many of the titles are quite clever, too. Geneva and Polly agreed their little place of abode was a perfect "Idiot's Igloo." The three Hulets, Bonnie, Willene, and Tally decided "Last Chance" would be quite appropriate. The couple lassies from Colorado, Doris and Marian, chose "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous." Emma Lou and Amy were confined to bed, but when Pattie brought word of the latest craze, three heads went promptly together, resulting in "Maniac's Mansion." As Mary Lee and I had such a miserable variety of plagues from which to select our name, we were quite confused. However, after some meditation we decided that "Rat's Rapture" would be highly descriptive.

Anyone who travels certainly meets a variety of characters and has equally diversified experiences. I am quite certain that Bob H. and Clinton R. would agree wholly. Lack of space prevents any further comment on this paper, but there's no doubt that the above two will be happy to describe in detail a fascinating event which they witnessed with great enjoyment on their return train trip to school. Ask them for particulars some time.

Throughout the hall in the east wing the matron has hung signs on which are printed inspiring passages from the Bible. These are extremely effective and apparently have created fertile thoughts in the minds of some student living in that building. On the bulletin board someone pinned these few lines:

"A telegram is known for speed
A radiogram is sooner
But nothing yet, can go so fast
As a dormitory rumor."

It must have been extremely uncanny for the students remaining here during the holidays, to suddenly have the peace and solitude of midnight broken by the ringing of the kitchen bell. Nothing can sound more weird than the toll of a bell in the black stillness of the night.

A rumor also drifted into the office that a group of mischief makers threw a swing into the fish pond. Tut, tut, boys must have their fun.

Forever yours,
Chap.

Backstage

By FAYETTA COLEMAN

No time is being lost by both Mr. Kirk and Miss Robbins in getting to work on productions that come this month and next. Both directors are working under serious handicap in that there are many colds with flu threatening, too.

Mr. Kirk is offering quite a prize to his best singers if they keep well, and that is the three- or four-day trip to be made at the end of this month. This trip will not be long in time nor mileage when compared to the trips this chorus made in pre-war years, but it is a rare opportunity to present Harding in the places to be visited.

In the first rehearsal after the holidays, Mr. Kirk presented the chorus with some new songs to be learned, one of which was Cole Porter's "In the Still of the Night."

The cast of "Family Portrait" had its first meeting last Tuesday night. It is an unusually large cast,

ALUMNI ECHOES

By CLAUDIA RUTH PRUETT

Esther Marie Clay is living at her home in Louisville, Kentucky, where she is working in a laboratory for National Synthetic Rubber Corp., doing the final rubber toasting.

She graduated from Harding in 1942 with a B.A. degree in history and social science. While at Harding she was assistant to the librarian, secretary of the GATA Club, in mixed chorus, band and orchestra and runner-up for May Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Beth Brown, to Jerry Derdon, who is a commissioned officer in the army air corps and is stationed in Iowa. Sarah Beth attended Harding in 1941 and 1942. She was secretary-treasurer of her freshman class, in girls' trio, orchestra, band and chorus and a member of the GATA Club. She is now working in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sgt. Argyll Allen is stationed at Los Angeles, California, where he is in charge of the laboratory in the station hospital. It is a clinical laboratory in which tests are made for the hospital. There are four men working under him. He is also wearing a medal of good conduct and from all reports of his religious work in the army life he well deserved the medal. While at Harding Argyll was an outstanding student scholastically and a student preacher. He started to Harding in the second grade of grammar school and graduated from Harding in 1939. His address is: Sgt. Argyll C. Allen, 37065340; 224th Station Hosp; A. P. O. 181, care Postmaster, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Gardner are now the proud parents of another daughter, Carol Joyce, born November 15, 1943. Their other little daughter, Mary Kay, will be two in March. They are living in Springfield, Missouri, where he is director of Y. M. C. A. work. Mrs. Gardner was formerly Mary Elliott. She was head of the piano department at Harding in 1939, '40 and '41. Arthur attended Harding from 1930 to 1935.

Jimmy Keown is working with the Church of Christ in Lancaster, California. He attended Harding in 1941 and '42. He was a student preacher and a member of the T. N. T. Club.

Frances Stewart is teaching home economics in her home town public school in Atlanta, Texas. She graduated in 1943 with a B.S. in home economics. Frances was president of the M. E. A. social club and snapshot editor of the 1943 Petit Jean.

WITH OTHER COLLEGES

By ELLA LEE FREED

A new game called bicycle polo has been introduced to the Montgomery Bible School by one of the students.

"Sometimes the only thing a man gets out of college is himself."—The Vision.

A naval training unit will be established at the College of the Ozarks the first of this year. About 150 cadets will begin training in elementary electricity and radio material and the number will gradually increase to about 600. Only primary training will be received there, and the men will be sent to the coast for secondary training.

"I want to be procrastinated at the next corner, sir," said the freshman going home for a vacation after one quarter of college.

"You want to be what?"

"Don't agitate your psychosis, sir, but I had to look it up in the dictionary too. It means to put off."—The Mountain Eagle.

"The Miami Student, campus newspaper of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, is the oldest college newspaper in the United States. It was established in 1826."—The College Heights Herald.

In a short article in the College Heights Herald the need of religious books by service men is stressed. It states that the U.S.O. has made several calls for these since they are frequently requested by the men.

"Met a young miss wearing two bars, so I took time to stop and congratulate her on having a captain for a boy friend. She hastened to inform me that I was mistaken, but that it was just two lieutenants."—The Mountain Eagle.

A Red Cross surgical dressing room was opened last month at Arkansas State Teachers College. At the first meeting 16 workers rolled more than 900 dressings.

Bro. Wiser: "Mary, what is the formula for water?"

Mary: "H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O."

Bro. Wiser: "What?"

Mary: "Well, you said it was H to O."—The Babbler.

SOCIETY and CLUBS

BONNIE BERGNER, Editor

Marriage of Normanda Webb
and Dean Lawyer Solemnized

The marriage of Miss Normanda Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. Webb of Lamar, Ark., and Dean Lawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lawyer of Santa Rosa, California, was solemnized Friday, December 24, at Lamar. Robert F. Lawyer of Poplar Bluff, brother of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of navy blue with accessories in black and white. Her shoulder corsage was of white carnations.

The bride's sister, Miss Kansas Nell Webb, maid of honor, chose a suit of turquoise with black and white accessories. Her corsage was of red roses. Virgil Lawyer of Searcy attended his brother as best man.

Mrs. Lawyer is a graduate of Lamar High School, attended Arkansas State Teachers College and Harding College. Mr. Lawyer who graduated from Nelson High School at Nelson, Missouri, is a junior at Harding. Mrs. Lawyer was a member of the Alpha Theta social club and Mr. Lawyer a member of the Koinonia club.

Christmas Eve
Party Given

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! And was it a merry Christmas for all who attended the Christmas Eve party in the reception room of Pattie Cobb Hall!

The students who went home certainly missed a fine time by not being here for it. The party began at 7:30 p. m. and lasted until 11:00 p. m. During the three and a half hours set aside for the party, those who attended enjoyed hearing some popular records and played several Richard Chandler gave an imitation of a rookie baseball pitcher at his first game. Walter Larkins demonstrated several slight of hand tricks, and the whole group played "Bingo" and "Pinchy Winchy." Arthur Peddle can tell you what the object of the latter game was if you're interested in knowing. Gifts were also given out.

Those who attended were Joe Cannon, Warren Whitelaw, Arthur Peddle, Jewell Hanes, Doris Epperson, Marianne Tavenner, Eugenia Stover, Bob Collins, Bill Collins, Robert Rolland, James Gaubautz, LaVern Houtz, Evan Ulrey, Richard Chandler, "Nursie" and Walter Larkins, and Bonnie Sue Chandler. "Nursie" and "Ma" served cookies, cinnamon rolls and hot chocolate. Walter Larkins, Richard and Bonnie Sue Chandler composed the entertainment committee.

Entertain Students
New Year's Eve

The boys who remained over the holiday entertained the girls with a New Years party Friday night, December 31, in the reception room.

Games, directed by La Vern Houtz and Walter Larkins, included punch a number, jumbled proverbs, crossed scissors, airplane ride, measuring for hip boots, egg shampoo, and black magic. Refreshments of popcorn, fruit, nuts and cokes were served by Mrs. Larkins.

Others present were: Joe Cannon, Bill and Bob Collins, Doris Epperson, James Gaubautz, Jewel Haines, Marvin Howell, Boyd and Betty Lowe, Arthur Peddle, Robert Rowland, Eugenia Stover, Eddie Shewmaker, Marianne Tavenner, Evan Ulrey, Louise Williamson, Frank Rhodes, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mattox, and Patty and Joe Mattox.

"Lady of Courage"

By WELDON CASEY

"It was about midnight when my ship docked in Boston," said Miss Catharine Score, speaking of her trip from Norway to America. "I came to America to stay only one year, but as you can see I am here yet."

Before her visit to America Miss Score was employed by the library of Trandhjen. She is a graduate of Deichmann Library School, Oslo, Norway. She has a sister in Nazi-occupied Norway, whom she has not heard from since last June. She has other distant relatives in Norway. Her father was a Lutheran bishop.

Miss Score says that it is simply terrible to come to a new country and try to say something and not be able to. Her advice to all people planning to go to a foreign country is to learn the language first!

She has a number of hobbies, but perhaps her favorite is knitting. She has knitted 39 sweaters for the American Red Cross. One of her favorite pastimes is to knit and read at the same time. She learned this habit when a child and she still does it. She is also very fond of dogs and flowers. She does not care for cats, however.

Miss Score has done library work for 32 years. Ten of these years were spent with Galloway College and the past ten have been here at Harding. The only time Miss Score has not been doing library work is the two years she spent caring for her brother and his family after the death of his wife. She has always loved books.

Anyone who knows Miss Score will say that she is a quiet, efficient worker and goes about her work unassumingly. Miss Score is very well read and has a reading knowledge of German and French as well as Norwegian.

She still loves Norway but she says she would never care to go back there to live. She planned to visit Norway again in 1936 but failed to. She still hopes she will be able to return for a visit after the war. Her nephew is president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

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WHO'S WHO
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By JOYCE BLACKBURN

Maybe you think one of our editors is big enough to room by himself but no, he, too, has a roommate. He is the little fellow that originated the term "cotton pickin'" and who has now added "corn" to his vocabulary — Edward Shewmaker.

Now Eddie is quite a fellow. In the history of the Petif can staff no one has served in the same capacity for two years until Eddie's time. Last year and this year he serves as assistant editor and according to the present editor he is very valuable for he really knows the ropes.

Eddie comes from Paragould, Arkansas, but he graduated as valedictorian of his senior class from the Guy high school. He came to Harding as a scholarship student and I am sure any of his professors would vouch for the fact that he has continued to uphold the reputation that he began with.

Even though Eddie is rather small in size you can tell by the way he combs his hair down that he is mighty. Professor Kirk would almost have to call off the chorus trips if Eddie were not there in the tenor section. For the past four years (beginning on the fifth) he has been an active member of both chorus and boys' glee club. And what would the Lambda Sigmas do without Eddie? He has served in

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almost every office of that club.

Heading the Arkansas State Club, he sees to it that they have their hill-billy party each year, even if he has to furnish the music.

His social affairs doesn't take up all of his time for he really has a job to carry on. For over a year he has been assistant manager of the college laundry and cleaning plant. Last year he was included in the book "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

When asked about what he considered his greatest achievement he began telling something about making stink bombs. Now just what they are—well, perhaps most any boy in the dormitory could tell you better than I.

Eddie states that he still likes his moron jokes but a little blonde who was sitting beside him at the time of the interview was conceited enough to say that he liked blond-haired girls. And for his dislikes—

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Looking 'em Over

By VIRGIL LAWYER

The first week after holidays finds all classes (girls and boys), putting in some hot practice sessions in preparation for the approaching basketball season. Basketball starts this week and from the way some of our practice games have come out it appears that any team could win. But since this column is for predictions and prophecies I'll take a chance of a guess or two.

In the girls' division, it looks like the juniors should finish in front. They have two of last year's stars in Carmen Price and Ruby Jean Wesson. Carmen is a short but very fleet forward and seldom misses her setups if given half a chance. Ruby Jean helps Carmen by literally playing over the head of her opponents.

Of course the freshmen are always hard to figure for in advance because they haven't proved themselves, but if things go as they have in the past we are expecting a strong team from the freshmen girls.

The sophomore and senior girls also don't aim to throw in the towel before the season starts.

Glancing in the boys' direction we find it harder than ever to pick any one team to come out on top.

However, the freshmen have the most promising team on the court and if breaks aren't against them they should emerge from the scramble on top.

The sophomores should give the leaders a stiff battle since they have this year's team back this year. The juniors and seniors have both lost some



of their best players, but they could pull some luck out of the bag and win yet.

Another thing that makes our basketball season very interesting is the spectators who fill the gym every time we have a game. It is our hope that they will not let us down this year. Each class usually has a cheering section and all players will tell you that good, loud, snappy cheering will supply the spirit needed to forge ahead.

If any of you students have never seen basketball played come to the games that are to be played this season and we will guarantee you that you won't find a faster, more exciting game anywhere. The first game is to be played Monday afternoon at 4:15 and for two weeks a game or sometimes two games will be played each day. So students back up your class and help them to emerge victorious.

GIRLS' INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STARTS

Girls' intramural basketball has started and much interest is being manifested. The teams met, organized, and elected captains: Freshman, Reba McCaslin; sophomore, Marie Massey; junior, Carmen Price; and senior, Joyce Blackburn. The basketball schedule is posted on the bulletin board and will be followed closely. The high school girls are not listed on the schedule, but they will play some games to be arranged later.

The freshman team has some unusually good players and will offer some stiff competition. The sophomores have several players left from last year with a few new ones and should prove interesting. The junior team has been undefeated in the previous two years and are going to fight to keep that record unmarred. The seniors have some good material and plenty of determination. It is hard to predict the winner now because it is any one's game yet.

Basketball is the high light of the winter term and well worth watching. Each team would appreciate it if its class would come to see the games and give it their moral support anyway.

College Has New Printer

Mr. Vernon W. Wells came to the campus last week to take over duties in the print shop.

He, with his wife and three children, lives on his farm near Searcy. Mr. Wells has had much experience in printing. The last work he did in this field was as a printer in Little Rock.

James Gaubatz is his assistant at the present. School bulletins, "The Bison," and other school publications will be printed in the print shop.

This is the first issue of the Bison printed on the campus this school year.

"Old Faithful" Breaks Down

"Old Faithful," the type-setting machine in the Harding college printing plant, so called because it squirts at punctual intervals, has definitely gone on the "fritz." There was a tone of finality in its last hiccup just 27 lines short of filling the society page on Tuesday forenoon, and after that nothing happened.

If you examine this issue carefully you will discern a difference in type face between articles on the inside and outside pages of this issue. It took two print shops to cast the noteworthy final 1943 issue went to press.

White County Printing Co., Judsonia, Ark., seven miles from here, has produced every issue of "The Bison" since last April when the manpower shortage closed the college plan. On January 3, 1944, the print shop doors opened again and "The Bison" moved home, but the move could not be complete.

In the emergency, the White County Printing Co. came to our rescue and half the type was set in Judsonia again. The college's new printer is a linotype mechanic. He is currently performing an operation on "Old Faithful." He says the patient may be expected to recover.

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Eighteenth Payment Made on Pledge

Eighteen dollars! And only two more to go and a pledge will be completed: a promise made eighteen years ago to Harding College by J. D. Boyd, who resides now at Newport, Tennessee.

Unusual but true, Mr. Boyd is not an ex-student of Harding but of David Lipscomb college, Nashville, Tennessee. However, Mr. Boyd's sister (Sarah, the writer believes her name is) attended Harding a few years ago.

Morrilton, Ark., was the site of Harding when the first dollar of the twenty was paid eighteen years ago. Payments have been met without fail.

Who is this Mr. Boyd? After only a few questions about the man, anyone would agree that "Brother" is the correct title for him. A paralysis victim, Brother Boyd is a mission worker for the church.

Mr. Leonard Kirk, who brought the check for the eighteenth dollar back with him Christmas, told of Brother Boyd's work with the church in Ruston, Louisiana.

Some church in Nashville, Tennessee, is supporting this true pledger in his mission work now, and he is working in the state of Tennessee.

Mr. Kirk said: "I know the man well. He impresses me with the amount of work he does for the Lord although he is handicapped. I wish more people would remain loyal to pledges made even five years ago."

As the story was spread around the campus, almost everyone asked, "Who

Harding Cagers Meet Searcy High

A small group of Harding cagers formed an independent team and played the Searcy High School team twice last week. The purpose was for practice for both teams, since the Harding boys are preparing for their class tournament and the Searcy boys are conditioning for their regular winter cage season.

The Searcy team led all the way but could never leave the Independents far enough behind to feel safe.

Searcy depended on fast breaks and quick set-up plays to hand the Independents their defeat.

The following afternoon they met again, and this time the Independents rang up a victory by a score of 56 to 48. The Independents' defense proved too much for the Searcy squad and they only led once and then just by a couple of points.

is this person? Where can one so faithful be found?"

Very few (in fact, none that the writer heard of) inquired how much the pledge was. Fidelity, not the amount," counted in everyone's opinion.

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This Week's Question

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Marian Songer: To do my best while it is leap year.

Jo Bland: Oh, I resolved to—maybe you better ask Duran, and let him tell you.

Ruth Overstreet: To make all A's.

Chris Webb: That I'll come to Bible class on time every day.

Nelda Chesshir: To keep my room clean.

Helen Summitt: To study more.

Buddy Vaughn: To be stubborn. Refer to Butch's resolution.

Dot Johns: To give everyone a full measure of sugar (granulated.)

Jackie Hyde: To clean up my room every morning.

Ernie Wilkerson: To practice the piano every day.

Wymer Wiser: To wake Helsten up every night.

Royce Murray: To keep my mouth shut—no, not that. Let's say: To say nothing unnecessarily.

Loyd Collier: When I go to Tennessee this year I will arrive at least one day earlier.

Douglas Gunselman Begins Teaching In Training School

Douglas Gunselman, former Harding student from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, has recently joined the training school faculty, taking the place of Mrs. W. K. Summitt in the third and fourth grade.

Mr. Gunselman graduated from Martin Junior College in Pulaski, Tennessee in 1940 where he was president of the Tau Omicron Pi fraternity. While at Harding, he was a student preacher, practice teacher, and a member of the Lambda Sigma social club, majoring in English and social science. He received his master's degree from George Peabody College of Nashville, Tennessee, in December. There he was president of the graduate class and specialized in diagnosis and remedial instructing in reading.

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